



**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
EXAMINING GROUP 2874**

S/N 10/810,547

PATENT

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METHOD

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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

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Dear Sir:

This Response is submitted in reply to the Office Action dated April 18, 2006. In view of the following amendments and response, Applicants respectfully request favorable reconsideration of this application.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 3 of this paper.